# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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BAN ON SMOKING AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to ensure a total ban on the smoking and the use of tobacco products at public places by launching de-addiction programmes with the help of NGOs and other Government agencies;and

(b) if so,the details of action taken in this regard and money spent by the Government on the said scheme?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) &(b) Government of India has notified "The Prohibition of smoking in Public Places Rules, 2008" vide GSR No. 417(E) dated 30th May2008. The Rules have come into force from 2nd October 2008.Government has set up 18 tobacco cessation Centres (TCC's) in 17 States across the country to help users to quit the tobacco addiction.

Under the pilot phase of the National Tobacco Control Programme,on tobacco cessation facility is being provided in each of the 18 Pilot districts Rs. 1.55 Crores has been released to the 18 districts for District Tobacco Control Programme activities including Cessation.